

WILLMAR CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WILLMAR MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BUILDING
WILLMAR, MINNESOTA

January 20, 1999
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Willmar City Council was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Lester Heitke. Members present on a roll call were Mayor Heitke, Council Members Verna Kelly, Denis Anderson, Ron Christianson, Bruce DeBlieck, Douglas Reese, Nancy Houlahan, Jim Dokken, and Rick Fagerlie; Present 9, Absent 0.

Also present were City Administrator Michael Schmit, City Attorney Richard Ronning, Parks and Leisure Services Director Dale Johnson, Public Works Director Mel Odens, Planning and Development Services Director Bruce Peterson, and City Clerk Kevin Halliday.

Additions to the Agenda included Nicole Pulsifer, Kandiyohi County Community Volunteer Center; application for livestock; and appointment to Zoning Appeals Board.

Council Member Kelly offered a motion adopting the Consent Agenda which included the following: City Council Minutes of January 11, Municipal Utilities Commission Minutes of January 12, Rice Hospital Board Minutes of January 13, Aquatic Facility Committee Minutes of January 12, 1999, Pioneerland Library Board Minutes of October 15, Housing Redevelopment Authority Minutes of December 8 and 15, and Kandiyohi Transit Joint Powers Board Minutes of December 15, 1998. Council Member Fagerlie seconded the motion, which carried.

Mayor Heitke recognized Willmar Municipal Utilities General Manager Mike Nitchals who reported on proposed new rates for electric and water service. The Municipal Utilities Commission passed a resolution dated January 12, 1999, recommending the City Council's approval of an ordinance authorizing the rate increases. Mr. Nitchals answered questions raised by the Council.

Council Member Kelly offered a motion to introduce an Ordinance Amending Rates Charged by the Municipal Utilities Commission of the City of Willmar, a Public Utility, to be Effective for Billings Sent On or After March 1, (electrical rates) and scheduling a public hearing for February 3, 1999. Council Member Christianson seconded the motion, which carried.

Council Member DeBlieck offered a motion to introduce an Ordinance Amending Rates Charged by the Municipal Utilities Commission of the City of Willmar, a Public Utility, to be Effective for Billings Sent On or After March 1, (water rates) and scheduling a public hearing for February 3, 1999. Council Member Kelly seconded the motion, which carried.

Planning and Development Services Director Peterson presented to the Mayor and Council an update on the Willmar Municipal Airport Project. Mr. Peterson reviewed the component steps of the process, which included the Master Plan adopted November of 1997 and approved in early 1998 by MnDOT Office of Aeronautics and the Federal Aviation Administration. The environmental impact statement was recently completed and the environmental review will be finalized in the spring of 1999. This will be followed by an acquisition phase and construction design and engineering phase. A realistic construction time period was estimated at 2002.

Bruce Jaeger and Scott Brewster, of Willmar Air Service, were present and answered questions regarding the length of proposed runways and other Council concerns. This matter was for information only.

Mayor Heitke recognized Nicole Pulsifer, of the Kandiyohi County Community Volunteer Center, who explained the new central location for volunteers and

mentors. It was noted the Center has 77 volunteers and 35 mentors who serve kids and non-profit organizations. The Volunteer Center is housed in the United Way office and is always looking for volunteers and mentors. Ms. Pulsifer stated that younger kids are volunteering and showing interest in their community. This matter was for information only.

The Mayor and Council considered a Waiver of Application for Exempt Permit GL220 submitted by the Warrior Lettermans Club for a raffle drawing. Following discussion, Resolution No. 1 was introduced by Council Member Reese, seconded by Council Member Kelly, read by Mayor Heitke, and approved on a roll call vote of Ayes 8, Noes 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 1

REQUESTING THAT THE MINNESOTA CHARITABLE GAMBLING
CONTROL BOARD APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR EXEMPT PERMIT
TO THE WARRIOR LETTERMANS CLUB

WHEREAS, the Warrior Lettermans Club of Willmar, Minnesota, has applied to the Minnesota Charitable Gambling Control Board for an Exempt Permit to hold a raffle; and

WHEREAS, the date of the raffle drawing is to be held within the prescribed 30-day limit and a request is made by the applicant to waive the waiting period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Willmar that they approve the application for Exempt Permit for a raffle at the Ridgewater College in Willmar and respectfully request that the Minnesota Charitable Gambling Control Board immediately approve the application to the Warrior Lettermans Club, Willmar, Minnesota.

Dated this 20th day of January, 1999.

/s/ Lester Heitke
MAYOR

/s/ Kevin Halliday
Attest: CITY CLERK

Announcements for Council Committee meeting dates were as follows: Finance, January 25; Public Works/Safety, January 26; and Community Development, January 28, 1999.

City Clerk Halliday presented to the Mayor and Council an application for the keeping of fowl within the City limits. It was noted that Luther Septon had a hobby for several years of harboring colored chickens, and he trades them at shows. Following discussion, Council Member Reese moved to grant Mr. Septon a one-year livestock permit. Council Member Kelly seconded the motion, which carried.

Council Member Christianson moved to approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint Dave Chapin to the Zoning Appeals Board. Council Member Kelly seconded the motion, which carried.

Council Member Reese moved to approve the Mayor's recommendation to appoint David Duininck to the Police Civil Service Commission and Mary Heusing to the Pioneerland Library Board. Council Member Kelly seconded the motion, which carried.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. upon motion by Council Member Kelly, seconded by Council Member Christianson, and carried.

Attest:

MAYOR

SECRETARY TO THE COUNCIL